

City Promotion of Ranking Importance

Area Should Be Named for Largest City-Torrance!

The phenomenal growth of Torrance during the past ten years which has placed it in the forefront among growing American cities; its present position as the largest community in the southwestern portion of the county, and its reputation as the most successful commercial and industrial area in this part of the county, is long past due for recognition.

Southwestern Los Angeles County, known variously as the South Bay area, the beach cities, the Redondo Beach area and the Harbor area, is presently without any sort of firm nomenclature that would differentiate it from the rest of the county.

The Torrance Press has long felt that the entire region known as South Bay should be referred to as the Torrance Area.

NERVE CENTER

Torrance is presently the nerve center for communications in this portion of the county and is the connecting link between pres-

ent and proposed freeways. It is recognized as the center of the area by county government which has chosen it as the site for superior court facilities, and by the State of California which has located a new CHP office on its outskirts.

Extensive researching of county archives turned up no precedent for calling this the South Bay area. It has never been officially given this title. It has grown through common usage, in lieu of another nomenclature.

This "common usage" could be used in another way. All it would take would be for each resident of Torrance to start referring to this as the Torrance Area. Within just a few years virtually everyone would be referring to the Southwestern portion of the county by this title.

You are proud of YOUR city of Torrance; you could be just as proud of YOUR Torrance Area. . . . Start talking it up . . .

50 PERCENT HIKE . . .

Opposition Readies For Auto Tax Fight

If Senate Bill 1204 passes the State Legislature and is signed into law by the Governor, each motorist in Los Angeles County may be subjected to a 50 per cent increase in the automobile "in lieu" taxes, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn charged last week as he urged the Board of Supervisors to rescind a resolution adopted May 2 supporting the legislation.

The "in lieu" tax on automobiles is the amount in excess of 99 that the motorist pay to get his license "tags" renewed each year. The motorist pays this tax in lieu of paying a personal property tax on his car. At the present time this tax is set as 2 per cent of the fair market value of each car. Under Senate Bill 1204 this would be increased to 3 per cent of the value of each car.

ROUTINE

In urging that the earlier

resolution endorsing the legislation be rescinded, Supervisor Hahn pointed out that it had been approved as a routine item and the effects of the Bill had not been clearly explained.

"What this bill really does is to give counties the power to increase the "in lieu" tax on automobiles by 50 per cent to raise additional funds for road improvement," Supervisor Hahn declared.

Emphasizing that he is opposed to any new taxes or increases in existing taxes, the Supervisor stated that it would be much wiser if greater efforts were made to fully utilize the gas taxes and other direct and indirect taxes on automobiles and auto accessories for improving roads, rather than allowing this money to go into the general funds of the federal, state and local governments.

City of Hope Sets Pace

Voluntary hospitals throughout the United States, with Federal aid and encouragement, might well follow the example set by the City of Hope National Medical Center, near Los Angeles, in training young people from other countries for careers as medical technologists in their native lands.

This "Peace Corps-in-reverse" suggestion has been

sent to President Kennedy by Paul L. Wermer, M. D., Executive Medical Director of the City of Hope. Dr. Wermer wrote the President after the board of Directors of the free and nonsectarian pilot medical facility approved a two-year traineeship in X-ray technology for Stephen Yelke Olulo, 26, of Kenya, East Africa.

PRESS EDITORIAL PAGE

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Personal Income in Southern California Reaches Record High, Says Bank Manager

Total personal income in the 13 counties comprising the Southern California area reached a record high of nearly \$27,700,000,000, James J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported today.

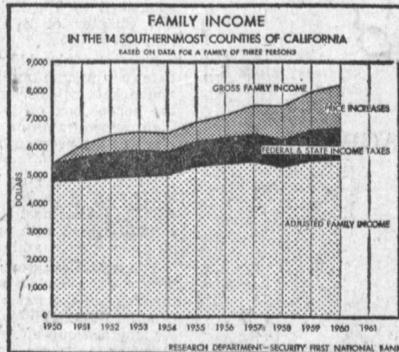
According to figures compiled by Security's research department, Weigel said that per capita income during the previous year amounted to \$2,744, indicating an average annual increase of 5.2 per cent in income for every man, woman and child since 1950.

During this ten-year period, prices and taxes have also risen, Weigel pointed out. Because of the price increases, a dollar in 1960 purchased slightly more than what 79 cents could buy in 1950, he added.

The research department also disclosed that in 1950, combined Federal and State income taxes amounted to 12 per cent of income for a three-member family taking standard deductions.

In contrast, these same taxes stood at 14.5 per cent of income in 1960. Thus income taxes have increased at an average rate of 8.4 per cent during the ten-year span, while income has risen 5.2 per cent.

Considering all increases in income, prices and taxes, the standard of living for the average family of three in



Adjusted Family Income Based on Data for the 14 Southernmost Counties

Year	Gross Income of Family of Three	Combined Federal and State Income Taxes of Family of Three	Disposable Income of Family of Three	Index of Purchasing Power (1950=100)	Measure of Standard of Living for a Family of Three
1950	\$5427	\$ 650	\$4777	1.0000	\$4777
1951	6087	876	5211	.9220	4805
1952	6408	950	5458	.8962	4891
1953	6510	977	5542	.8885	4924
1954	6480	870	5610	.8893	4989
1955	6885	913	5972	.8893	5311
1956	7131	964	6167	.8756	5400
1957	7476	1035	6441	.8482	5463
1958	7470	1034	6436	.8198	5276
1959	7968	1141	6827	.8069	5509
1960	8232	1195	7037	.7920	5573

Southern California has been rising at an average rate of 1.6 per cent since 1950. The net change over the ten years is plus 15.7 per cent, Weigel said.

More Care Facilities Are Needed for Area's Emotionally Disturbed Children

Hundreds of emotionally disturbed children in Los Angeles County today are not able to obtain the kind of care they should be receiving because of a lack of adequate facilities, Dr. Ernest G. Bashor, president of McKinley Home for Boys, said yesterday.

"Voluntary and county institutions which care for these youngsters are filled to capacity and are unable to accept all who need their help," he said.

Dr. Bashor is one of a group of civic leaders which is asking the Board of Supervisors to grant voluntary child care agencies an increased rate of payment for county wards. In their appeal, the agencies termed present rates "far below actual cost of care and treatment."

"The present inadequate basis of payment for county wards," Dr. Bashor said, "not only curtails the expansion of

facilities by voluntary agencies, but may force many to close their doors."

Dr. Bashor said there are approximately 4,200 children between six and 18 years of age now receiving institutional care in county institutions and voluntary facilities operated by churches and service organizations.

"Many other youngsters need the kind of intensive treatment available in these institutions," he said. "Many now being placed in foster homes by the county, particularly the more seriously disturbed, should be receiving institutional treatment."

"Seriousness of the situation resulting from lack of sufficient facilities is typified at Juvenile Hall," he said.

"Today more than 800 children are there awaiting placement in institutions or in foster homes. However, the average "temporary" stay in Juvenile Hall is 102 days and

the place is so crowded many youngsters are forced to sleep on the floors," Dr. Bashor declared.

The most economical way to expand institutional facilities from the taxpayers standpoint is to make financial arrangements with the voluntary agencies which would permit them to more nearly approach the break-even point, he said.

"The agencies then would be in a position to expand physical facilities from their own private sources, without cost to the taxpayer," according to Dr. Bashor.

NO EXPANSION

"There has been no appreciable expansion of facilities by the voluntary agencies in 18 years. To expand under present conditions would only result in increasing the already high deficits. One agency spent \$270,000 more than it received from the county over a three year period.

Area's Chambers of Commerce Oppose Bill As 'Pitting Government Against Business'

A pair of bills, S. 1176 S. 1084, were vigorously opposed this week by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce because the measures "will put the federal government in competition with business to the detriment of both."

S. 1176 would create a Federal Inventions Administration and provide for government ownership of inventions resulting from government research and development contracts and also allows for government administration of such inventions.

S. 1084 requires the government to take title to any inventions arising from government contracting.

John E. Oliver, chairman of the chamber's licensing com-

Concluded Oliver:

"The future of our country is bound to dim quickly if the idea of a nation-wide network of government-centered research should ever prevail over the philosophy of a competitive system under free enterprise and encouraged by sound patent incentives." Oliver, voiced opposition to both bills because "the chamber believes that the federal government should not compete with private enterprise in exploitation of patents except in certain broad areas affecting public interest and/or public health and welfare."

DECLARATION

After approval by the chamber's board of directors of a licensing committee re-

port urging opposition to the twin proposals, Oliver declared:

"The real interests of the government are not aided by its retention of title to patents. The government neither nor can properly use anything more than a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to practice for governmental purposes, the inventions produced under government-industry contracting.

"Retention by the government of patent rights deprives industry of a major incentive for entering into research and development contracts and, as a matter of fact, many companies have refused to do so, to the detriment of technological progress."

'Do It Now,' Says CHP as Vacation Period Begins

Thinking about a vacation? Most of us are, now that warm spring days provide the pleasant reminder that summer is but a few weeks away.

For a majority of vacationers, motoring will be their mode of travel. "This can be the most enjoyable part of the vacation, if you make a few simple preparations," pointed out California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden.

Before you start, have the family car checked over for such things as brakes, lights, battery, radiator, and tire condition. Have the engine tuned up. A trip unhampered

much to your enjoyment. "When you're on the road set a moderate pace which allows time for stops at scenic areas, plenty of time for meals, and brief rest periods. Vacation is a time of leisure, and you can rob yourself of a large measure of enjoyment by a hurried trip.



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